Uniform Civil Code

728. SHRI KAPIL VERMA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to introduce a Legislation for a Uniform Civil Code, on voluntary basis

(b) if so, what are its main features; and

(c) whether the Hindu Code will also be amended to confer equal rights on women?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b) The proposal to bring forward a voluntary uniform civil code is under the active consideration of the Government and as such it is not possible to give details of its main features at this point of time.

(c) No such proposal is under consideration of the Government.

Appointment of High Court Judges

729. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRA KANT BHANDARE:
SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:
SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA:
SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRI SHEO KUMAR MISHRA:
SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of cases for appointment of judges in different High Courts have been under consideration of Government since long;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof, including the dates since when the cases are pending consideration with Government;

(c) what are the details of vacancies of judges existing at present in different High Courts, including the date since when they have been lying vacant;

(d) by when these vacancies are likely to be filled; and

(e) what are the reasons for the delay in filing them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b) For filling up the vacancies of Judges in the High Courts, 67 names have been received from the State Governments. There break-up is as follow:

No. of Names	Pending Since
6	November, 1984
1	April, 1985.
1	July, 1985.
2	October, 1985.
3	November, 1985
11	February, 1986.
10	March, 1986.
15	May, 1986.
18	June, 1986.
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(c) As on 25-7-86, there were 64 vacancies of Judges. The dates from which these are lying vacant are given in the annexure.

[*See* Appnedix CXXXIX, Annexure No. 46]

(d) and (e) The proposals received from the State Governments are engaging the attention of Government in consultation with the concerned constitutional authorities. Government is taking all possible steps to fill up the

vacancies as expeditiously as possible. It is, however, not possible to indicate the time by which all the vacancies will be filled up.

Expansion of Capacity grants to Bajaj Auto Ltd. for Production of Scooters

730. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that with the grant of substantial expansion of capacity to Bajaj Auto Ltd. and the introduction of various models of two wheelers in the country, the position is fast changing to that of a buyers market; and

(b) what has been the effect of the changed market conditions in regard to the pending orders with existing manufacturers like Bajaj Auto Ltd. as reflected in position of bookings, made through Post Office and direct, for their models Bajaj Super and Priya as on 1st January, 1984, 1st July, 1984, 1st January, 1985, 1st July 1985, and 1st January, 1986?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The details of booking are as under:—

As on	Bajaj Super	Priya
1-1-84 . . .	8,08,726	10.72,116
1-7-84 . . .	7.72,022	10.53,454
1-1-85 . . .	8,11,694	17.26,737
1-7-85 . . .	8,43,606	15,90,473
1-1-86 . . .	8,59,727	14,80,992

The waiting period for these models of scooters is gradually coming down. However, as there is customer preference for these models, large scale fresh orders have been received by the Company particularly at new places.

Power generation

731. SHRI GAYA CHAND BHUYAN: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the total hydro electric and thermal power generation capacity available in Orissa falls short of the requirement of Orissa, if so, to what extent;

(b) whether it is also a fact that these power stations remain closed for several months every year and during summer the power generation is only 1/4th of the total capacity, if so, how far the actual generation falls short of the requirements of the State during lean months; and

(c) whether Government propose to make good the shortage by setting up super power thermal stations in that State if so, the details in this regard and the financial allocations made for the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) Power shortage in Orissa during 1985-86 was about 19.2 per cent.

(b) No power station remains completely closed in Orissa for several months every year, though various units have been under planned or forced outages for various durations from time to time. During the lean months of April-June when the depletion of reservoirs take place, the hydro generations has normally been varying between 37 per cent to 78 per cent of the designed potential during the last few years. The power shortage during the period April—June, 1986 was about 36.8 per cent.